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Military Information from Fuerstenwalde

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REMARKS

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1. [] only one unit, engaged in the training of tank drivers, was observed in the Pionier Kaserne on Garten Strasse, Fuerstenwalde (N 53/V 33). The majority of the troops from the installation were no longer there. Four T-34 tanks were seen leaving the billeting area for driving practice in the neighboring area. Trucks [] were identified at the installation. *

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2. [] about 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia assembled in the yard of the Luftwaffen Kaserne. No guns were observed with the troops. A four-story building at 3 Friedrich Engels Strasse apparently housed a military headquarters. Officers entering the building had to show passes to the sentries []. **

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3. []

* [] Comment. The information checks with a report by another source indicating that the Pionier Kaserne still quartered a tank school, probably the unidentified tank training battalion of the 7th Gds Mecz Div, while the other divisional units from the installation moved to the Lieberose troop training grounds. []

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25X1A [] Comment. It is plausible that the Luftwaffen Kaserne quartered only a rear unit, with most of the units of the installation having probably gone to Wustrow. Components of the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army are carried in the Luftwaffen Kaserne, and it is possible that the trucks of this division which were unloaded in Wolmirstedt on 18 May 1951, had come from the Luftwaffen Kaserne.

The headquarters which, according to the present report, was located in the building on Friedrich Engels Strasse is a military post headquarters.

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25X1A *** [] Comment. [] has been observed with shipments of military goods, consigned to a unit in Fuerstenwalde and was therefore believed to belong to a component of the 7th Gds Mecz Div. Since these shipments, consisting of AT and AA guns and, once of a tank, were indicative of a unit with mixed weapons, []

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it appears possible

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[redacted] belongs to the hitherto unidentified 24th Gds Mecz Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div in Furststenwalde.

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